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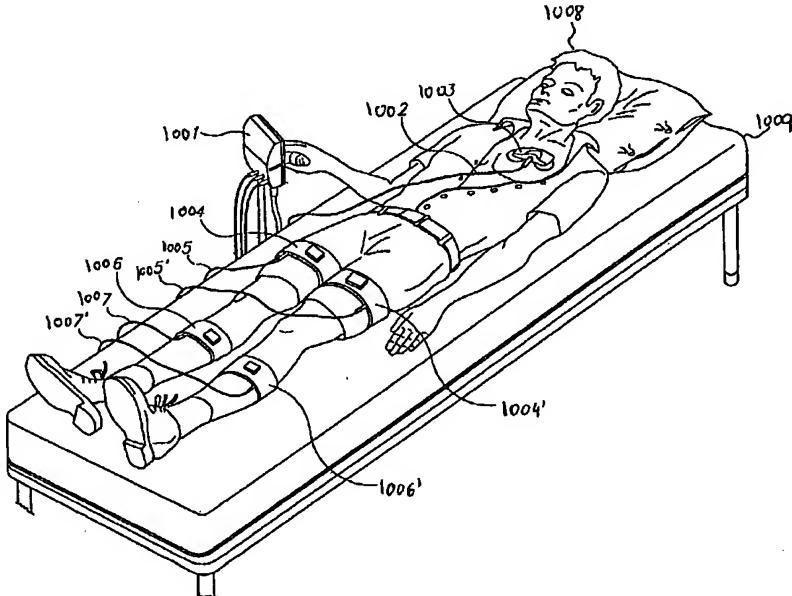
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(54) Title: A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR EXTERNAL COUNTERPULSATION



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(57) Abstract: A system and method for modulating cardiac blood flow of a patient by applying intermittent pressure on a limb of the patient, the system comprising a limb attachment, substantially surrounding the limb perimeter and an actuator pulling and releasing a flat member; a sensor for determining a physiological parameter relating to the patient; and a processing unit for receiving data from the sensor and issuing commands to the actuator.

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43 bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)

Claims Please See Continuation Sheet YES
Claims Please See Continuation Sheet NO

Inventive step (IS)

Claims Please See Continuation Sheet YES
Claims Please See Continuation Sheet NO

Industrial applicability (IA)

Claims Please See Continuation Sheet YES
Claims Please See Continuation Sheet NO

2. Citations and explanations:

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Supplemental Box

In case the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient.

V.1. Reasoned Statements:

The opinion as to Novelty was positive (Yes) with respect to claims 2-4, 7-8, 11-38, 44-63, 66-76, 78-80, 83, 85-88
The opinion as to Novelty was negative (No) with respect to claims 1, 5-6, 9-10, 39-43, 64-65, 77, 81-82, 84, 89-91
The opinion as to Inventive Step was positive (Yes) with respect to claims NONE
The opinion as to Inventive Step was negative (NO) with respect to claims 1-91
The opinion as to Industrial Applicability was positive (YES) with respect to claims 1-91
The opinion as to Industrial Applicability was negative (NO) with respect to claims NONE

V. 2. Citations and Explanations:

Claims 1, 5- 6, 9-10, 39-43, 64-65, 77, 81-82, 84, 89-91 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by Halperin (2002/0026131).

Halperin teaches every claimed feature of the claims including a device capable of being attached to a limb (see figure 3), having at least one actuator for pulling and releasing a flat member(see figure 3), one processing unit 29, motor 59 . As for claims 39-43, note that the device of Halperin is capable of providing the recited treatment. As for claims 77, 89, 91, Halperin teaches the recited steps (a user can issue a command to the automated controller 29). As for claim 90, the step of evaluating can be perform by a physician .

Claims 2-4, 7-8, 11 - 38, 44- 63, 66- 76, 78-80, 83, 85-88 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over Halperin (2002/0026131) in view of Halperin et al (4,928, 674).

Halperin et al (4,928,674) teaches an electrocardiogram processor 28 for compression device. In view of this teaching of Halperin et al, it would have been obvious to one ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the compression device of Halperin (2002/0026131) with a processing unit for issuing commands to the actuator. As for claim 7, providing the teaching of one limb attachment, it's in the realm of one skill in the art to provide another limb attachment where needed. As for claims 13-38, 44-63, 66-76, the device of Halperin and Halperin et al is capable of providing the recited function. As for claims 78-80, 83, 85-88, Halperin and Halperin et al teaches the recited steps.

Claims 1-91 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over the publication WO 02/069879 in view of Halperin et al (4,928,674).

The publication WO 02/069879 teaches every claimed feature of the claims including a device capable of being attached to a limb (see figure 1), having at least one actuator for pulling and releasing a flat member(see figure 3A), one controller 29, motor 20 . While the publication WO 02/069879 does not show a processing unit , Halperin et al teaches electrocardiogram processor 28 for compression device. In view of this teaching of Halperin et al, it would have been obvious to one ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the compression device of the publication WO 02/069879 with a processing unit for issuing commands to the actuator.

Claims 1-91 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), and thus satisfy industrial applicability because the subject matter claimed can be made or used in industry.

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY
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2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

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